#### MINUTES Athens Regional Library Board January 18, 1979

The Athens Regional Library Board held its regular quarterly meeting Thursday afternoon, January 18, 1979 at 3:30 in the library auditorium in Athens with Mr. Farris Johnson, Vice-Chairman, presiding. Present were: Mr. Johnson, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Newland, Mrs. Pope and Mr. Wilson from Clarke County; Mrs. Ivy from Oconee County; Mrs. Langford from Madison County and Miss Austin.

After a short social period with library staff members Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed two new Clarke County members to the group: Mrs. T. Ray Mills, who fills the unexpired term of Mr. Archie Patterson, and Mrs. R. E. Pope, who succeeds Mrs. Joan Biles. Mr. Patterson has been elected to the Clarke County Commission and Mrs. Biles is the new mayor of the City of Winterville.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as distributed with the list of those attending corrected to show Miss Hawkins present.

Mr. Johnson called for reports from the counties. No representative from Franklin County was present so Miss Austin announced that the Lavonia-Carnegie remodelling has been completed, the board members are literally helping with the move back into the building and they plan an open house very soon.

No word has yet come on the application for Appalachian Regional Commission funds for the construction of a building in Royston. She and Mrs. Kemppinen attended the county board meeting in January during which good progress in the county was reported.

Mrs. Ivy reported two special events in Oconee County in December. The Anaconda Company, as part of its civic program, made a gift toward completing the landscaping of the library grounds in Watkinsville. Members of the library board and county officials were honored at a barbecue lunch and program on December 5. The Oconee County Library has also received a gift of 67 shares of stock in the Tri State Tractor Company worth a little over \$2,000.00 to be used as the library board sees fit. She also reported that the county board held its regular meeting earlier in the week and the library program is moving along well in both Watkinsville and Bogart.

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Mrs. Langford reported things are going well in Madison County.

The Director's report included the announcement of the appointment of two new members to the Oglethorpe County Library Board: Mrs. Jane Bowen succeeds Miss Frances Durham and Mr. Jimmy Germany succeeds Mrs. L. V. Chafin. She reported a good meeting in November when the Tenth District Hearings on the findings of the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Service was held in Athens with 156 people present. The attendance was about evenly divided between librarians and non-librarians.

Miss Austin reported that the position of Children's Librarian is still open because the person to whom it was offered decided to remain in her present position. Recruitment efforts are continuing with some re-assignment of duties among present staff members to carry on the children's programs.

Mr. Johnson noted that the recommendation of the committee on out of region fees was carried in the newsletter, but requested Mr. Kellam to comment if he wished. He reported that the Committee had discussed the problem with the Director and a one year out of region registration fee of \$3.00 seemed the best solution. There was general agreement with this decision.

Miss Austin reviewed the state aid program, and reminded board members that the federal funds will be late this year. No major increases to libraries have been requested in the Governor's Education budget for FY 1979-1980. Members were requested to speak to their legislators to be sure they support the amounts requested.

Copies of a pamphlet produced by the Georgia Council of Public Libraries were distributed to those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

#### MINUTES Clarke County Library Board January 18, 1979

The regular meeting of the Clarke County Library Board was held on Thursday afternoon, January 18, 1979, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board. Mr. Farris Johnson, Vice-Chairman presided. Present were: Mr. Johnson, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Newland, Mrs. Pope, Mr. Wilson and Miss Austin.

Mr. Johnson officially welcomed Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Pope as new members of the Board and welcomed Mr. Milner and Mr. Wilson for additional terms on the Board.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as distributed by mail.

Mr. Johnson explained that the chief item of business was to elect a new Vice-Chairman of the Board. He reviewed the by-laws governing the filling of vacancies on the Board and asked Miss Austin to read the sections of the by-laws applying to the officers. The by-laws make no specific provisions for filling vacancies but accept Robert's Rules of Order as the Board's parliamentary authority. After reading Section 3 of the by-laws of the Board, she read from p. 242 of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, the section outlining the succession of the vice chairman upon the resignation of the chairman with the board electing the lower ranking officer.

After discussion during which it was clarified that the vacancy is to fill the remaining year of the two-year term to which Mr. Johnson was elected as vice chairman and he becomes chairman to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Patterson, Mr. Johnson asked how the group wished to select his successor. By common consent the decision was to have nominations from the floor with voice vote. Mr. Milner and Mr. Kellam nominated Mrs. James Newland to fill the remaining year as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mr. Kellam then moved the nominations be closed, which motion passed unanimously. The Board voted unanimously to elect Mrs. Newland as Vice-Chairman, and she accepted.

Mr. Johnson asked for Committee reports. None were presented, but Miss Austin gave the information that the Building and Grounds Committee has made no decision on the bids submitted by the lawn care companies. They are looking

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into the possibility of better assistance from the County work crews and postponed a decision until they can get more information. She called attention to the work that has started on removing the islands from the parking lot.

Mr. Wilson asked whether the auditorium is used a satisfactory amount of time. Miss Austin reported it is well used with library sponsored programs and those of community groups sharing about equally.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

#### MINUTES Athens Regional Library Board April 19, 1979

The regular quarterly meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board was held at 3:30 p.m. April 19, 1979. Those present were Mr. Johnson, Chairman, Mr. Cofer, Mr. Eberhardt, Mr. Kellam, Dr. Reines, Mr. Weir, Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Miss Hawkins, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, Mrs. Pope (Clarke County), Mrs. Langford (Madison County) and Mrs. Whitehead (Madison County).

After a brief social period with members of the library staff Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order and presented Miss Prudence Taylor, the new children's librarian. After a few moments she was excused.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved with a correction noting that Mrs. Whitehead was present.

Mrs. Langford reported for Madison County that the program is moving well. They are pleased that the space is kept so clean and neat for the library.

Since no one was present to report for the other counties the Director gave the Clarke County report and then included a few items from them in her regional report. Miss Austin referred to the items in the monthly newsletter and identified the weather, the National Library Week observance, the employment of a children's librarian as the major events of the first quarter of 1979. She announced the appointment of Mrs. Billie Hines as branch librarian at Winterville to succeed Mrs. Frances Lester, who resigned because of the growing family business, and the library's participation in the Fun Fair sponsored by the Athens Area Association for Young Children. Miss Ann Buxton and Mrs. Kyle Howington of the bookmobile department took the large bookmobile for the people to visit and Mrs. Pat Salas and the staff from the Talking Book Center used the Braille labeler to make name tags for the children.

The Director's regional report noted the successful Open House held February 4, 1979 to celebrate the completion of the renovation project of the Lavonia Carnegie Library which was attended by several regional board members. It also reported that the application for Appalachian Regional Commission Construction funds for the Royston library was not approved for FY 80, but that it was designated as a "back-up" project in case one of those that was approved ran into trouble and could not use its funds. Plans are continuing to select an architect and renew the application for FY 1981.

Miss Austin announced the resignation of Patricia Salas

as head of the Talking Book Center, effective April 13, 1979, to become the assistant director of the Staunton, Virginia Public Library.

She also reported that the Puppet Workshop which the library co-sponsored with the Division of Public Library Service of the Georgia Department of Education on March 22 and 23 was most successful. Sixty-six persons from libraries throughout the state attended.

Plans for the Summer Reading Club are almost complete. The theme will be "Super Heroes/Super Summer." While the decorations will include Superman of the comics, emphasis will not be on comic books.

Miss Austin announced that three copies of the state auditor's report on the library's finances have been received and are available for inspection. Copies are no longer mailed to each board member. She urged any member who is interested to read the report. She called attention to the fact that the auditor had combined materials funds, maintenance and operation funds and the Federal funds into one figure and labeled it materials, which gives a false impression of receipts. The funds are credited properly in the expenditures noted. She also asked members to correct an item in the financial report in the February newsletter: the \$25.00 shown as American Library Association dues should be shown as Georgia Library Association dues.

The Director reported that she had attended recent county board meetings in Franklin and Oconee counties and had met with some of the library's supporting agencies and the board chairman in Oglethorpe County. All are working on budget requests for FY 1980.

Miss Austin presented the recommendation of the personnel committee that the position of librarian of the Talking Book Center be offered to Mrs. Janet Silver, a former librarian of the Savannah Talking Book Center who left it to attend the University of Denver School of Library Science to earn her degree in library science. Mrs. Silver has been employed as a librarian in Denver for the past year and will be available for the position in July. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

By common consent the Board approved out of state travel for Mrs. Ames and Miss Austin to attend the annual conference of the American Library Association June 23-29.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

# MINUTES Clarke County Library Board April 19, 1979

The Clarke County Library Board met on Thursday, April 19, 1979 immediately following the close of the Regional Library Board meeting at the library in Athens. Those present were Mr. Johnson, Chairman, Mr. Cofer, Mrs. Cabaniss, Mr. Eberhardt, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, Mrs. Pope, Dr. Reines, Mr. Weir and Miss Austin.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as distributed by mail.

Mr. Johnson made the following committee appointments: Mrs. Newland, Vice president, to the Executive Committee by virtue of her office; Mrs. Mills, Finance Committee, to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Newland; Mrs. Pope, Publicity and Public Relations Committee to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Biles.

Dr. Reines reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that efforts to use student labor to maintain the fragrance garden and the library grounds have not proved successful. The committee recommended that we go to a contract with a grounds maintenance firm. Mr. Cofer moved that the Board authorize the Director, with the advice and assistance of the Building and Grounds Committee, to negotiate a contract for ground and garden maintenance. Mr. Eberhardt seconded. Following discussion concerning some of the possible service firms and the type of contract needed, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Reines added a second recommendation that the large old and damaged trees be removed. Mr. Weir moved that the Grounds Committee be empowered to take the action they deem necessary for removal or saving the trees on the grounds. Mr. Cofer moved to amend the motion to use the phrase "remove and replace" instead of remove. Mr. Weir accepted the amendment and the motion passed. Mr. Cofer reminded the members of the Board that Mrs. Wilkins wished to donate a tree in honor of Mrs. Dougherty, one of the founding members of the library board.

There was some discussion of whether the city or county had the equipment needed to remove the diseased and damaged trees. The committee will look into this. Miss Austin reported that the brick fence on the side of the garden had been damaged when the ice storm caused a limb to break and fall on it, and that Mr. Lumpkin had arranged to have it replaced for the library.

Miss Austin presented a recommendation from the Personnel Committee that the Board approve the employment of Prudence Taylor as children's librarian. This recommendation was accepted unanimously.

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The proposed budget and budget request to Clarke County were presented by the Director and approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

## Minutes Athens Regional Library Board July 19, 1979

The Athens Regional Library Board met on Thursday, July 19, 1979 at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Athens library. Those present were: Mr. Johnson, Chairman; Miss Hawkins, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. W. H. Cabaniss, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, Mr. Kellam, Dr. Reines, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Christopher and Mrs. Ridgeway.

After refreshments Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order. On motion of Dr. Reines, the minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed by mail.

He then presented Mrs. Janet Silver, new librarian of the Talking Book Center and welcomed her to the library staff and the board meeting. She spoke briefly and was excused.

County reports were called for by the Chairman. Mrs. Langford spoke for Madison County expressing pleasure that the program seems to be moving well. Mrs. Christopher, of the Oconee County Library Board, reported an excellent enrollment in the summer reading program and an active and busy summer generally. She mentioned the new directional sign erected at the intersection of U.S. Highway 441 and State Highway 53 to help newcomers find the library. Mrs. Ridgeway reported for Oglethorpe County, emphasizing the local board's efforts to locate a building that can be remodelled to provide more satisfactory quarters and their plans for a local fund raising campaign. Miss Austin gave the report for Clarke County, calling attention to the continued use of the meeting room by community groups and for library programs. She described the Summer Reading Club program and the special activities promoting the Super Heroes/Super Summer theme including a weightlifting and body building demonstration, a good grooming clinic, and a tumbling/gymnastics demonstration. There is also a staff puppet presentation of Rumpelstiltskin which will be taken to each of the branches during the summer.

The regional report summarized developments during fiscal 1978-79, including personnel changes and a steady growth in service. The Director expressed gratification that local support has shown an increase and pointed out the need for this to continue if the level of service is to remain high. She announced that the application for a construction grant from Appalachian Regional Commission for the Royston library will be re-submitted in July with better chances of securing this aid than in the previous year. She read a letter from Mr. Andrew Hill, a lawyer in Lavonia, expressing his appreciation for the interlibrary loan service through which he had secured a special book on criminal law. The letter was published in the Franklin County newspapers and copies were sent to local and state officials.

Miss Austin reported on the July 17 meeting of librarians and library board officials from the Tenth Congressional District of Georgia with Mrs. Carolyn Huseman of Athens, who is the Tenth District member of the State Board of Education. At this meeting the recommended budget request for public libraries was discussed. Mrs. Huseman suggested that many legislators and much of the general public do not know that public libraries rely so heavily on state aid nor that this money comes trhough the budget for the State Department of Education. She was sympathetic toward the requests for increases in funding and urged librarians and board members to talk to their legislators to keep them informed about libraries and their needs.

Following the report the Director explained the proposed budget request for the Division of Public Library Service that will be presented to the State Board of Education in August. It calls for increases in the per capita grants for library materials and for maintenance and operation, and requests a new per capita grant for personnel to reduce the personnel/population served ratio, plus the development of a vehicle replacement plan to aid in replacing bookmobiles. After some discussion Mr. Kellam moved that the Board plan a meeting with the legislative delegations before the January General Assembly meeting to acquaint them with public library programs and needs. The motion passed by common consent.

Miss Austin read an announcement of the meeting of Library Trustees during the biennial conference of the Georgia Library Association to be held in Savannah on October 24-27. She urged members who can to attend, especially the Trustees meeting on Friday.

The revised budget for fiscal 1980 including the anticipated federal funds from the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) was presented by Miss Austin. Dr. Reines moved that it be approved, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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The Clarke County Library Board met at the Athens Regional Library at 4:50 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, 1979, immediately following the adjournment of the Regional Library Board meeting. Those present were Mr. Johnson, Chairman; Mrs. Cabaniss, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland and Dr. Reines.

Mr. Kellam made the motion that the minutes of the April meeting be approved as distributed by mail. The motion passed.

Mr. Johnson called for a report from the Grounds Committee. Dr. Reines asked Miss Austin to report what progress has been made toward securing a contract for professional care. She reported that Mr. Cofer and Mrs. Cabaniss had helped with re-drafting the specifications and had reviewed the two bids that have been submitted. Definite action is expected by the end of the month. There was a general discussion of possible future alternatives to a professional maintenance contract after the garden is restored with professional care.

As new business the Chairman asked the Director to present a proposal by the Athens Transit System to locate a covered bus stop on the edge of the library grounds. Several questions were raised, and Dr. Reines and Mr. Kellam moved that the Board approve the idea of a bus stop subject to the exact location. The motion passed.

Miss Austin then presented a request by Mrs. Helen Josephs as to whether the library would accept a bronze bust or portrait of Mrs. Jessie Jackson Harris, a long time teacher and community leader in the county, if her group succeeds in raising the money to finance it. There was a general discussion of the problems arising from acceptance of portraits and busts, including lack of space for proper display. Miss Austin asked for a policy to guide her in such matters. By common consent it was agreed that it is not library policy to accept portraits or busts.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at  $5:30~\mathrm{p.m.}$ 

## Minutes Athens Regional Library Board October 18, 1979

The regular meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board was held on Thursday afternoon, October 18, 1979 at 3:30 p.m. in the library auditorium in Athens. Present were Mr. Johnson, Chairman, Dr. Reines, Mrs. Newland, Miss Hawkins, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. W.H. Cabaniss, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Neighbors and Mrs. Mendenhall from Clarke County; Mrs. Langford and Mrs. Whitehead from Madison County; Mrs. Ridgeway and Mrs. Calloway from Oglethorpe County, and Mrs. Stewart Brown from Franklin County.

After refreshments with members of the Athens library staff Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order. On the motion of Mrs. Neighbors the minutes of the July meeting were approved as distributed by mail. He then called for reports from the counties.

Mrs. Roberta Brown reported for Franklin County announcing that the Board has received a gift of \$15,000.00 from Mr. Lawson McConnell of Royston to be used with other local funds to match anticipated state and federal funds for the construction of a county library headquarters building in Royston. This makes a total of \$30,000.00 now on hand to be used with the Appalachian funds, if received, to match state funds for construction. There was some discussion of the amount of local money required and Mrs. Brown and Miss Austin explained that there has been a change in the matching formula for state funds which allows the state to match two for one if the total project does not exceed\$700,000.00. The total project is expected to be approximately \$330,000.00.

Mrs. Langford announced the appointment of two new members to the Madison County Library Board. Mrs. Brown Thompson (Helen), former high school librarian, and Mrs. Virginia Hardeman, who has given so much of herself in time and effort to get the Colbert Library off to a good start.

Mrs. Ridgeway announced the appointment of Mrs. Penny Flynt and Mrs. Jean Paradise as new members of the Oglethorpe County Library Board. Their constitution has been amended to provide for honorary membership for those members who find it impossible to continue to serve actively because of poor health, inability to get around, etc., but are still interested in the library. A tea is planned at the next meeting in November to honor those who become honorary board members. She reported that they are still exploring plans for a new location, possibly for new construction if it is not possible to secure something that cannot be renovated.

Miss Austin reported that Clarke County has begun a plan for improving the library grounds, particularly the Fragrance Garden. She called attention to the new exhibits of the paintings of Flo Gross and Wendy Smit which were hung this week. She reported that at the consultant's request, a conference has been held with Ms. Eva Galombos, a member of the firm that is studying the joint city/county services of Athens and Clarke County. Ms. Galombos seemed to be concerned chiefly with who uses the library in Athens. Unfortunately she feels they do not have the time to analyze the registration files at the library, and they cannot be removed as they are in constant use. A discussion of bookmobile services and branches helped clarify the picture of library service for her.

Miss Austin reported that the Children's Librarian participated in the periodic baby sitting workshop presented by St. Mary's Hospital in August.

The Director presented a short report on matters of region-wide interest. These included progress on the development of the program statement for the architect for the proposed building in Royston and two hearings on library problems and needs called by Representative Louie Clark of Madison. Mr. Clark is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Libraries of the House Committee on Education. The hearings were held in Elberton and at the Athens Technical School, with the consensus being that the Subcommittee gained useful information about library needs and that good contacts were made for support of the budget request in the general assembly in January 1980. However, she feels that the hearings contributed to the fact that it was not possible to schedule an October meeting of the local legislative delegations with the regional library board as the board requested in July.

The Director reported that the Department of Education's budget request for FY 1981 includes the increases in grant funds requested by the Georgia Council of Public Libraries and raises the amount requested for construction. This is to implement the new distribution formula announced at the Hearing under which the state will match local money 2 to 1 if the total project is under \$ 700,000.00. The requested new personnel grant for regions is for 10¢ per capita rather than 30¢, but represents progress in securing added money for library personnel. Miss Austin conveyed the report of the Council that the Department's budget does not include funds for improvements requested for the state agency for microfilming the Union Catalog, automating certain functions at Readers Service, and better quarters for the Film service and the Library for It is hoped some of these can be funded in the the Blind. supplemental budget.

Miss Austin announced that Miss Prudence Taylor, Children's librarian, had found the Story Telling Workshon in Albany, Georgia very helpful and hopes to use what she learned in working with other librarians in the region. Miss Taylor brought back about 400-500 gift books distributed by the Aerox Corporation. Most of these are duplicates of titles we already have. Many are paperbacks, but those we selected will be useful in our collection. She also announced an audiovisual workshop for certain staff members to be held on November 7 and 28 with assistance from the staff of Athens Technical School.

Mr. Johnson asked for new business and recognized Miss Austin who requested approval of travel for seven of the professional staff to attend the biennial conference of the Georgia Library Association in Savannah next week. Dr. Reines moved that the request be approved, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Whitehead announced the recent death of Mrs. Graham, the mother of the Danielsville librarian. By common consent it was agreed that the secretary send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Echols from the Board. The illness of Mr. Weir was announced and the Board instructed the Secretary to send a card to indicate concern and good wishes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

# Minutes Clarke County Library Board October 18, 1979

The Clarke County Library Board met on Thursday, October 18, 1979 at 4:50 p.m. immediately following the adjournment of the regional library board meeting at the Athens library. Present were Mr. Johnson, Chairman, Mrs. Cabaniss, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland and Dr. Reines.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as mailed on motion of Dr. Reines.

Mr. Johnson called for old business and asked Miss Austin to report on what has been done on the grounds clean up program. She reported that on the advice of the grounds committee, and with the special help of Mr. Cofer in discussing what needed to be done with the bidders, the decision was made to use the maintenance service recommended by Glennwood Landscapes, Michael Glenn, owner. The total cost will be \$2,715 over a 12-month period, plus any new plants needed. This amount is in the budget, but part of it is as the salary for a part time grounds keeper. The work has begun with some pruning, three applications of herbicide, two applications of pesticides. Mr. Glenn recommends replacing the sick plants in the planters at the steps with two weeping Yaupons at a cost of \$77.00 for replacing the soil, labor and the plants.

Mrs. Cabaniss moved that the Board authorize this work. The motion passed.

Miss Austin reported on further developments concerning placement of a bus stop, either a covered stop or a bench, on the library property. There is a problem in having the county sign the "hold harmless" agreement required by the Transit System so the project is on hold. After discussion of the proposal and clarification of where the stop would be placed, it was decided by common consent to suggest to the Transit System that Denny Towers could perhaps be a more appropriate location for the stop and ask them to discuss it with them before any further steps are taken.

Mr. Johnson called on Mrs. Newland to report for the committee to recommend names to the County Commissioners for filling terms that expire December 31, 1979. The Committee recommended that Mrs. Mendenhall and Mr. Weir be named honorary members to keep their advice and experience available

and suggested names to recommend to fill the vacancies caused by the expiring terms of Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Mendenhall and Mr. Weir. Mr. Kellam moved that the Board receive the report and that the recommendations be prepared for the County Commission. The motion passed.

Mr. Johnson appointed Dr. Reines, Chairman, Mrs. Neighbors and Mrs. Cabaniss as a nominating committee to prepare a slate for election of officers in January.

Miss Austin requested that the Board permit the library to close on New Year's Eve this year because of the school vacation period. Dr. Reines moved approval of the request. Mr. Kellam suggested the addition of Sunday, December 30. The motion to close on December 30 and 31, 1979 in addition to New Year's Day passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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